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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 14, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This response is timely filed before the expiration of the shortened statutory period on May 14, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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